

ANSEL ADAMS TO CEDRIC WRIGHT

YOSEMITE

6/10/ 1937

" Love is a seeking for a way of life; the way that cannot be followed alone; the resonance of all spiritual and physical things. Children are not only of flesh and blood -- children may be ideas, thoughts, emotions. The person of the one who is loved is a form composed of a myriad mirrors reflecting and illuminating the powers and the thoughts and the emotions that are within you, and flashing another kind of light from within. No words or deeds may encompass it.

Friendship is another form of love - more passive perhaps, but full of the transmitting and acceptances of things like thunderclouds and grass and the clean reality of granite.

ART is both love and friendship, and understanding; the desire to give. It is not charity, which is the giving of Things, it is more than kindness which is the giving of self. It is both the taking and giving of beauty, the turning out to the light the inner folds of the awareness of the spirit. It is the recreation on another plane of the realities of the world; the tragic and wonderful realities of earth and men, and of all the inter-relations of these.



Am. C. G. L.

We send affectionate greetings to all our
friends for the new year and all the years to come.

We hope that all who deeply care
for the principles of democracy and the
integrity of our institutions will consider
celebration of the bicentennial of our country
in terms of the next two hundred years
and what may be accomplished
in protection of the natural
and human environments and the peace
and security of all men.

FOR 1976

from

VIRGINIA

and

ANSEL ADAMS

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CLOUD REFLECTIONS, WATER, GRANITE
AT TENAYA LAKE

Yosemite National Park

by

ANSEL ADAMS

1975

Reproduced directly from the original
Polaroid PolaPan Type 52 Land Film print.

Photolithography by George Waters, San Francisco

For 1978 and Beyond...

VIRGINIA
and
ANSEL ADAMS

I have learned
To look on nature, not as in the hour
Of thoughtless youth; but hearing oftentimes
The still, sad music of humanity,
Nor harsh nor grating, though of ample power
To chasten and subdue. And I have felt
A presence that disturbs me with the joy
Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime
Of something far more deeply interfused,
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,
And the round ocean and the living air,
And the blue sky, and in the mind of man;
A motion and a spirit, that impels
All thinking things, all objects of all thought,
And rolls through all things.

William Wordsworth (1798)



Paul Solman

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In April, 1927, fifty-one years ago, we climbed the West Ridge of Half Dome and made this photograph in the early afternoon of a cold Spring day. The title, *Monolith, the Face of Half Dome, Yosemite Valley*, seems as appropriate today as it did long ago as a part of our evolving Yosemite experience.

On January 2, 1928 we were married in Yosemite and the ensuing half-century represents a productive and rewarding life for which we are both grateful and humble.

With this image and message we extend to our family and to our myriad friends our love and appreciation for their affection and understanding throughout the many years.

Virginia and Ansel Adams



ANSEL ADAMS

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February 27, 1982

Dear Friends, *Jean & Jim -*

The occasion of my eightieth birthday brought forth a very large number of messages: cards, letters, telegrams as well as numerous gifts. I would like to reply with a personal letter to each and every one who so kindly thought of me on February 20th, but I fear this would require many weeks for completion.

Accordingly, I have prepared this "semi-form-letter" on my word-processor in which I can make the salutations, refer to the particular presentations and affix my name. This in no way should suggest any lack of appreciation for the extraordinary outpouring of affection and trust which I received from so many friends and colleagues from home and abroad.

Hence, I take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation for:

Your Card ←

Your Letter

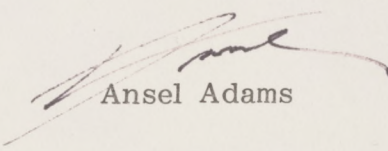
Your Telegram

Your Gift

I am looking forward to my ninetieth and one-hundreth birthdays!
After those, I shall set up a new program!

With warmest regards and renewed thanks and appreciation,

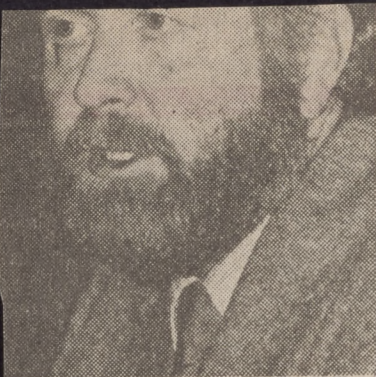
*Hope all y well -
Hope to see you soon!*


Ansel Adams



(Herald Photo by Robert Fish)

**VIRGINIA ADAMS (LEFT) AND JOAN MONDALE AT PACIFIC GROVE ART CENTER FRIDAY
... Mrs. Mondale was shown an exhibit of the work of famed photographer Ansel Adams**



(Herald Photo)

LLEWELLYN D. HOWELL ... influencing policy

on those opinions, he said.

Several surveys testing public knowledge have revealed that "the American public doesn't know anything about international affairs."

In a 1982 ABC News poll, fewer than half the people responding knew which country, the United States or the Soviet Union, was a member of NATO, and fewer than 40 percent knew which countries were participating in the SALT negotiations, he said.

A year later, he added, a New York Times poll found that less than 7 percent of the population could tell whether the United States supports the guerrilla forces or the government in El Salvador and Nicaragua.

Given information like that, Howell said, when policy makers denigrate what the American public knows, "it's tough to get around that argument."

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Challenger astronauts, their spirits high, spent their last full day in space Friday photographing Earth, stowing their gear and speaking with President Reagan on his campaign tour.

Astronaut Kathy Sullivan told the president that her spacewalk "was the most fantastic experience of my life," and Sally Ride said that flying in space was just as much fun the second time around.

"Hope it will be more fun the third time," she said.

With hurricane Josephine far to the north, the weather looked good for a 9:26 p.m. PDT landing at Kennedy Space Center today. The evening forecast said there would be no winds across the runway, removing a concern.

Challenger's Earth-observation tasks continued until the crew went to sleep and Mission Control said the astronauts' radar photography

captured 21 of 22 targets before the device was shut down.

"Almost 100 percent of the science objectives," said Mission Control. Despite early antenna problems, first on the radar device and then on the shuttle itself, scientists got more than one-third of the data they hoped for on the flight.

It will be a year, probably, before the pictures are published.

"The weather is looking mighty pretty at the Cape," commander Robert Crippen said as Challenger flew over Florida. He said he could make out the building where the shuttle is attached to its booster rockets and fuel tank for flight.

A little later, Mission Control asked the astronauts to photograph an ice sheet in Antarctica. Ms. Ride, who last year became the first American woman in space, said the crew had been "busy scrubbing up the middeck," a reference to the day-long task of putting equipment away for reentry.

Borrowing Bill Passed; Congress Adjourns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators interrupted their vacations and reelection campaigns Friday to fly back to Washington and pass an emergency bill restoring the government's authority to borrow money.

The 37-30 vote, which came

bill could not pass without Democratic help. They were wrong. The final roll call showed no Democrats voted for it. Four Republicans and 26 Democrats voted no.

A second vote on that measure — which raises the federal debt limit to \$1.824 trillion — was the final



To the friends of Virginia Adams:

On January 18, 1984 Virginia will be 80. For family and friends, this is a cause for celebration, but, as many of you know, Virginia does not like to receive personal tributes or gifts. We hope that we have found an alternative way to express our love and respect for our friend and ever-gracious hostess who has created harmony and cheer in so many lives.

Virginia has always been interested in classical vocal music and has been a staunch supporter of the Carmel Bach Festival ever since she moved to Carmel. Therefore we feel that it is an appropriate tribute to establish an endowment in her honor for a master class in voice under the auspices of the Carmel Bach Festival. This will enable talented young singers to study with a well-known master vocalist during the Carmel Bach Festival. The purpose of this endowment is to recognize and further performing excellence in the vocal arts—something close to Virginia's heart.

If you would like to join us in honoring Virginia in this way, gifts may be made to the Carmel Bach Festival, Box 757, Carmel, California 93921, and designated for the Virginia Best Adams Endowment. All such gifts are tax deductible. An announcement of the endowment and the results thus far will be made at Ansel and Virginia's annual New Year's Day Open House. We hope to see you there!

It is essential that we keep this a *surprise* until after January 1.

Wishing you a happy holiday season and harmony in the new year,

Michael Adams
Jeanne Adams

Ansel Adams

Anne Adams Helms
Kenneth N. Helms

PINE FOREST IN SNOW
Yosemite National Park, California 1933

Photograph by A N S E L A D A M S



Dear Friends -
Thank you for helping!

I was touched and delighted by your thoughtful gift to the Carmel Bach Festival in honor of my eightieth birthday! I am so pleased that, because of your generosity, the Festival will be able to expand its wonderful program, and that many talented students will be able to further their careers in music.

I truly appreciate the outpouring of affection and good will from all my friends. I can't imagine a nicer birthday present!

Much love, always -
Virginia & Gusel

TENAYA CREEK, DOGWOOD, RAIN
Yosemite National Park, California c. 1948

Photograph by ANSEL ADAMS



Have a happy Christmas,
and a wonderful 1988 -

Do come and see me - 9
So enjoyed your visit -

Best wishes,

Virginia Adams



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MERCED RIVER AND GRASSES, YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, c. 1948

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June 1, 1992

Dear Jean:

My mother, Virginia Adams, asked me to write to you. She just had cataract surgery so will be taking it easy for awhile, but she does want to see you as soon as she is more mobile. And she will be very interested to see your manuscript. Please call in two or three weeks to see if you can arrange a time to get together. (I'll look forward to meeting you!)

Sincerely, Anne Adams Helms

CLEARING WINTER STORM
Yosemite National Park, California 1944

Photograph by ANSEL ADAMS



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Dear Friends —

THE FAMILY OF ANSEL ADAMS IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY SPECIAL TRIBUTES WE HAVE RECEIVED. ANSEL LIVES ON IN OUR MEMORIES, IN HIS PHOTOGRAPHS AND IN OUR EFFORTS TO FURTHER CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY AND TO PRESERVE THE WILDERNESS THAT HE LOVED SO MUCH.

THANK YOU FROM ALL OF US.

and much love —

Virginia

ROSE AND DRIFTWOOD
San Francisco, California c. 1932

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